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On behalf of **JAPAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY**, a Japan corporation having a principal place of business at 1-8, Hon-cho 4-chome, Kawaguchi-shi, Saitama 332-0012, Japan being the assignee and owner of all right, title and interest in the invention entitled **GENETIC MARKERS LINKED TO FUSARIUM HEAD BLIGHT-RESISTANCE FACTOR AND UTILIZATION THEREOF**, for which application for Letters Patent of the United States has been made by **Kazuyoshi TAKEDA** and **Kazuhiro SATO** said application having been filed on July 24, 2006, receiving Serial No. 10/587,193, and further identified as Attorney File No. 5426JS-6, I hereby appoint SHERIDAN ROSS P.C., 1560 Broadway, Suite 1200, Denver, Colorado 80202-5141, telephone number (303) 863-9700, Customer No. 22442, as attorneys and agents for **JAPAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY** with full powers of substitution, association and revocation to prosecute the application and related U.S. and foreign applications and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office and all foreign and international patent offices connected therewith.

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